

Council Minutes

January 12, 2010

Attendees:

Officers:

Mark Praska, President
Ed Smith, Vice President
Craig Chaney, Treasurer
Lisa Smith, Interim Secretary
Ken Amundson, Secretary

Ministries:

Mary Konicek, Education
Sallie Meier, Fellowship
Gloria Borchert, Pastoral Care
Pat Sharp, Outreach
Curt Schroeder, Property
Tom Kramer, Stewardship
Miles Olson, Worship & Music
Greg Harms, Youth

Staff:

Dan Hansen
Ed Broestl, Interim for Outreach
Susan Moller

Guests:

Devotions: Pastor Dan used Luke 4:1-8, the Temptation of Jesus, as a text for the devotion. Wilderness experiences shape our faith. We grow through the tough times.

Secretary's Report: Miles moved and Gloria seconded a motion to approve the secretary's report as published. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Craig reviewed the treasurer's report, which was also presented at the annual meeting. Craig spoke about the Crown Bible Study, which is a Christian stewardship study that ties directly to personal finances of members. Ed Broestl moved and Sally Meier seconded a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Staff retreat - Ed Broestl briefly reviewed the outline for the council and staff retreat Jan. 22-23. A list of what to bring will be sent in advance by e-mail.
2. 30th Anniversary - Ed Smith met with Finance and Stewardship about a fund drive in connection with the anniversary. Goal is to raise \$30,000 in connection with this event to be contributed to a new church.
3. Constitution Committee - Miles Olson distributed the final report from the committee which had the charge of investigating the possibility of an affiliation with CORE. Miles invited council members to ask questions or see him privately with concerns. The committee advises the church to move slowly and deliberately as it makes decisions about FCLC's affiliation with any national church body. Craig Chaney recommended getting outside legal advice from a specialist in the area of non-profit status for churches if the church decides to become independent of the ELCA. Pastor Dan said we are in a time of discernment as we await developments in the formation of a new national church, if that occurs. CORE may take the form of a new national church AND a fellowship for those churches that don't want to leave the ELCA. Ed moved and Craig seconded a motion that the council through our president send a note to the constitution committee to thank them for their work and request continued prayer for our congregation and our discernment with this matter. Motion carried.

New Business:

Items of Information:

- None

Ministry updates

Outreach: Pat Sharp

- A new mission trip is planned - the Stover Project. Committed to do this for three years at spring break.
- Support for the OUR Center will occur.
- Special offering from Thanksgiving, Christmas and Lent will be dedicated to homeless projects. Money from 2009 will go to Front Range Christian, which provides emergency housing for the homeless.

Education—Mary Konicek

- The committee is reviewing goals for 2010.
- Annette has started a meat and potatoes devotion designed for families and kids.
- Lenten devotion writers have been determined.

Fellowship - Sallie Meier

- Directory should be available within two or three weeks. Members who didn't have pictures taken can purchase one for \$5
- Soup Suppers begin Feb. 17. Sallie will have signup sheets.
- Planning a St. Patrick's Day dance.

Youth—Greg Harms

- 25 youth signed up for this weekend.
- 70 youth signed up for this summer's work camp.
- Adult training for young Sunday School has begun.

Property—Curt Schroeder

- Date for the spring cleanup has been set at March 28.
- Closet workspaces have been organized.

Stewardship-Tom Kramer

- The Crown Ministry will be continued and working to roll out programs for youth.

Pastoral Care—Gloria Borchert

- Carla Irwin will go to leadership training for Stephens Minister.
- Gloria reported a complaint about the temperature in the nursery.
- The prayer shawl ministry is looking for a bulletin board to display the prayer shawls and would like bulletin space to promote this program.

Worship & Music—Miles Olson

- The committee is discussing goals for 2010.
- The committee is also considering how to structure three services.

OTHER INFORMATION:

Motion to Adjourn

Closing Prayer— Lord's Prayer

Ministry Goals for 2009

Christian Education (Webmaster: Nanette Going)

- Put God first on Sundays (Educational process) follow up, values, re-train adults, guidance, support, tools.
- Equip members for ministry in daily life.
- Provide/facilitate cross-cultural, cross-generational learning activities.

Fellowship (Webmaster:)

- Home-based business fair -making connections.
- Mother's Day Spa - including child care.
- More "age appropriate" activities.

- Meld child/nursery with fellowship.
- Volunteers - not feel "locked-in" and over whelmed.

Outreach (Webmaster: Stacia Keller)

- To establish a process for the requesting of funds from the Outreach committee.
- To become more hands on with the organizations we support. This includes building liaisons between the Outreach committee and the members of our congregation with the ministries that we support.
- To increase the involvement of the members/small groups within the congregation to the Outreach committee.
- To increase the communication to the congregation about what Outreach is doing.

Pastoral Care - (Webmasters: Stephanie Mason & Shirley Noreen)

- Launch Share the Care Program.
- Expand Pastoral & Staff Appreciation.
- Create a greater awareness & educate the congregation about Stephen Ministry.

Property (webmaster: Mike Brockman)

- Finish the Operations Manual.
- Coordinate / support a "workshop" for the Work Campers so they are better prepared for a Challenge Work camp.
- Expand / build 'Property Teams' to support the needs of The Property, as required.
- Actively participate in the Long Range Planning process.
- Support the needs of the Church by addressing specific property related tasks (Fellowship Hall closet, new toilets as needed, painting window frames, etc).

Stewardship - (Webmaster: undecided)

- Increase community awareness of Simply Giving program.
- Educate the FCLC community on the Stewardship ministry.
- Enhance financial reporting.
- Increase Stewardship committee membership by three new members.

Worship/Music/Drama (webmaster: Kirk Olson)

- Review the weekend worship services regularly and make appropriate changes.
- Evaluate the sound and video systems, especially needs for summer worship and future additions and modifications.
- Form one or more new instrumental, vocal, and liturgical dance groups.
- Expand drama opportunities for the congregation.
- Solicit concerts and other performances from community groups and from churches and colleges outside the area.

Youth - (Webmaster: Brit Windel)

- Contact every student via phone or face to face.
- Create a HEALTHY calendar structure (Can define upon request).
- Purposeful fellowship Gatherings for youth and adults.
- Build adult awareness/Support/ participation in overall areas of ministry.

Reminders:

- Please inform the council secretary when any of the ministry goals stated above are achieved.
- Items for the Feb. newsletter must be in by Jan. 15th at noon! Please send your articles to Office@fcl.org.

General Information:

- The council e-mail address is council@fcl.org

February devotion: Ken Amundson

New members from March 2009

- Paul Andreson
- Bruce & Denise Burg
- Jeff & Anne Dean; Dillon, Mary & Isaac
- Michael Hanratty; Colton
- Linda Kepler
- Peggy McDonald
- Peter & Sarah Mertz; Hannah & Ella
- Kathryn Peters
- Margaret Thorsin
- Melissa Venrick; Will & Tanner

New members from October 2009

- Ken & JoEllen Amundson
- Cork & Sally Billings
- John & Crystal Buck
- Nick, Michelle & Lilly Buderus
- Tom & Mary Cairry
- Gerry Cole & Sharon Kirby-Cole
- Ron & Jan Hart
- Susie McIntosh
- Shirley Johnson
- Jeff & Janet Kirkpatrick
- Amy Lynn and Anna Lenhert
- Gregg, Jill, Reilly, Becca & Rachel Mau
- Allan & Doris Nickels
- Jenna Olschlager
- Cathy & Noelle Peterson
- Bob & Joan Rocho
- Darlene Temos
- Charles & Mavis Van Matre
- Susan Watkins
- Gary & Sherry Wright